Minutes
Board of Natural Resources Special Meeting
August 7, 2012
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
The Honorable Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands
Daniel J. Bernardo, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences,
Washington State University – via conference call
The Honorable F. Lee Grose, Commissioner, Lewis County
Bob Nichols, for the Honorable Christine Gregoire, Washington State Governor
Stephen D. West, Interim Director and Professor of Wildlife Ecology, School of Environmental and Forest
Sciences, University of Washington
The Honorable Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Goldmark called the special meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All board members introduced
themselves. Chair Goldmark noted there is a quorum for this meeting.

SAFETY REVIEW
Ms. Ishler gave a safety overview and instruction on evacuating the building in case of an
emergency for the audience and board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Chair Goldmark called for approval of the minutes for the July 3, 2012 Board of Natural
Resources meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Nichols moved to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2012 meeting
SECONED: Professor West seconded the motion
ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously

Department Supervisor, Lenny Young, announced the Department’s newly appointed Deputy
Supervisor for State Uplands, Kyle Blum. Mr. Young provided a summary of the successes of
Mr. Blum as Commissioner Goldmark’s Special Assistant and welcomed Mr. Blum to the new
position. Mr. Blum greeted the board and said he is looking forward to working with the board.
PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NEED, PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT

Josh Weiss; WSAC: Mr. Weiss stated he is there as representative of the 21 timber counties and voiced the support of adopting the Need, Purpose and Objectives (NPO) Statement. Mr. Weiss said the NPO Statement does a good job of balancing the priorities and obligations of all entities. He made note of how hard DNR staff have worked to create this document. Mr. Weiss congratulated Mr. Blum and shared with the board his confidence in Mr. Blum.

Ann Forest Burns; AFRC: Ms. Forest-Burns shared support of the statement and acknowledged some comments submitted by AFRC are incorporated in the document. Ms. Forest-Burns shared concern with the fact that the word ‘all’ is not included in the sentence “...which achieves the following objectives” and asked the board to insert the word ‘all’ in the final statement for the sake of clarity.

Sheri Nelson; Sierra Pacific Industries: Ms. Nelson voiced her consensus with AFRC comments and asked the board to include the word ‘all’ in that last sentence to ensure clarity in the statement’s intent to achieve all five objectives.

Graham Taylor; Sierra Club: Mr. Taylor congratulated Mr. Blum on his new appointment. He went on to share with the board that Sierra Club submitted approximately 2000 comments on behalf of its members, indicating the comments focused on HCP compliance; decline of marbled murrelet species over the last 10 years, and efforts to recover the species. He stated they are looking forward to move ahead on this process.

MARBLED MURRELET CONSERVATION STRATEGY
Recommendations for the Need, Purpose and Objectives Statement
Kristen Ohlson-Kiehn, Project Lead MMCS; Pamela Krueger, SEPA Center Lead and Legal Affairs Liaison

Ms. Ohlson-Kiehn introduced herself and Pamela Krueger stating they would like to present recommendations for the NPO statement. Ms. Ohlson-Kiehn began by reviewing with the board where the agency is in the process. She reminded the board that the agency elected to pursue an expanded scoping process that provides the public two opportunities to comment during the joint scoping process.

Chair Goldmark made note of an error on slide 5 that reads December 6, 2012 as the date the board was initially presented with the NPO statement when it should read December 6, 2011.

Ms. Ohlson-Kiehn provided a summary of the comments taken into consideration of the NPO statement and reviewed stages and key issues, which are: intent to connect document language directly to the HCP; the NPO statement is consistent with HCP commitments; and in Object 2 include language from the HCP in Chapter 4 …in accomplishing this objective, we expect to make a significant contribution to maintaining and protecting marbled murrelet populations.

Ms. Krueger included a summary of the comments received overall, stating substantial amendments aren’t recommended and that comments that were not directly relevant to the statement will be taken into consideration when they are applicable to the process. Most comments received were already considered in some way and that commenters requested
changes in three general categories; 1) sought clear definition; 2) greater emphasis on certain aspects of the statement; 3) sought inclusion of specific information such as the Northwest Forest Plan and the 2008 Science Team Report, adding it wouldn’t be beneficial to be limited to a specific source of information during the development process of the conservation strategy. Chair Goldmark asked if there were any questions. Since there were none, the presentation continued.

Ms. Ohlson-Kiehn went on to recommend the language “which achieves the following objectives.” Adding this phrase makes the intent very clear. She acknowledged the request to insert the word ‘all’ and stated that staff felt it was unnecessary as it conveys the same meaning. She made note of email concurrence with the current statement from Ken Berg in packet. Ms. Ohlson-Kiehn went on to inform the board that after the statement is adopted they will return the next step will be bring to the board a draft of conceptual alternatives for the board’s endorsement.

Commissioner Grose asked if it would be a substantial change to insert the word all.

Mr. Nichols asked what the word would add that doesn’t already show in the current statement.

Ms. Ohlson-Kiehn replied that it would not be a substantial change, which is why it wasn’t recommended.

Chair Goldmark brought up the possibility of a minor delay if we don’t have concurrence with USFWS to insert the wording.

Ms. Ohlson-Kiehn shared with the board that it was discussed with USFWS and they indicated they are comfortable with or without the word ‘all’.

MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to amend the current statement to add the words “all of” after the word achieves on the Need, Purpose, and Objectives Statement.

SECOND: Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Goldmark called for a motion to approve the Need, Purpose, and Objectives Statement, as amended.

MOTION: Mr. Nichols moved to approve the document as amended

SECOND: Superintendent Dorn seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion to approve the amended Need, Purpose and Objectives Statement was approved unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

No comment on items of general interest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36
Approved this 4 day of September, 2012

Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

Bob Nichols for Governor Christine Gregoire

Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction

F. Lee Grose, Commissioner, Lewis County

Verbal approval via phone
Daniel J. Bernardo, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University

Thomas H. DeLuca, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington,

Attest:

Tami Ishler, Board Coordinator